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**By** Senators Jacobsen, Swecker and Parlette

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE UNITED STATES FISH AND  
5 WILDLIFE SERVICE:

6 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
7 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
8 represent and petition as follows:

9 WHEREAS, The Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery located on the  
10 Icicle River, a tributary of the Wenatchee River, and operated by the  
11 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, performs the admirable  
12 function of producing spring chinook salmon, providing benefits to the  
13 entire Columbia River region; and

14 WHEREAS, The Icicle River is a watershed that is home to three fish  
15 species, chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and bull trout, that are  
16 currently listed as threatened or endangered under the federal  
17 endangered species act; and

18 WHEREAS, Watershed restoration efforts are being undertaken on a  
19 large scale by the State of Washington, treaty Indian tribes, public  
20 utility districts, county, local, and city governments, and local

1 volunteer groups, to assist the recovery of Icicle River and Wenatchee  
2 River salmon and trout; and

3 WHEREAS, The Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery currently utilizes  
4 a water withdrawal design that does not provide proper protection for  
5 salmon and trout, some of which are naturally spawned endangered  
6 steelhead trout, endangered spring run chinook salmon, or threatened  
7 bull trout; and

8 WHEREAS, Operation of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery could  
9 be modified with construction of fish passage devices that would result  
10 in no jeopardy to listed salmon and trout;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United  
12 States Fish and Wildlife Service will make the proper modifications, in  
13 a timely manner, to the water withdrawal structure at the Leavenworth  
14 National Fish Hatchery so that its operation will be consistent with  
15 the federal endangered species act.

16 BE IT RESOLVED, That the United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
17 apply for sufficient funding to construct the fish passage  
18 modifications necessary at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, and  
19 that Congress shall see fit to appropriate the necessary funds;

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
21 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
22 States, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the President of  
23 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
24 and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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